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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, v. $10,594.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY, Defendant.	Civil No. '07 CV 2007 DMS WMc COMPLAINT FOR FORFEITURE

By way of complaint against the defendant, $10,594.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY (hereinafter "defendant currency"), the United States of America alleges:

1. This Court has jurisdiction over this action by virtue of the provisions of Title 28, United States Code, Sections 1345 and 1355, and Title 21, United States Code, Section 881.

2. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, 881(j) because the acts or omissions giving rise to the forfeiture occurred in this district.

3. As part of an investigation agents began a surveillance of the a residence on Bobolink Drive in Vista. Agents observed a high level of foot traffic consistent with drug sales. Based on this as well as other information acquired during the investigation, agents obtained a federally authorized search warrant for the residence on Bobolink Drive.

On May 17, 2007, at approximately 6:00 a.m., agents served the search warrant on the residence. When the agents served the warrant there were eight people at the residence, including Ambrosio Arellano and Rosa Arellano. Ambrosio and Rosa Arellano were encountered in the master bedroom of the residence. When agents searched the master bedroom they located items of dominion and control related to both Ambrosio and Rosa Arellano, an unloaded 9mm handgun, a cornstarch box containing a white powdery substance, 20 bags of methamphetamine totaling 73.26 grams (on the porch under the bedroom window), pay and owe sheets, and $594.00 in U.S. Currency.

In the dining room of the house a detective removed some plastic flowers from a vase and removed 7 baggies of cocaine packaged in quantities consistent with sales. In the rest of the house agents located 9mm ammunition, 7.2 grams of meth, 1.2 grams of marijuana, 2 glass pipes, a digital scale, and packaging material. A detective also located a small door in the ceiling near the bedrooms. There was a metal safe that contained paperwork with Ambrosio's name on it, and $10,000.00 in U.S. Currency. Ambrosio admitted this was his currency, and claimed to have earned it working as a roofer at $400.00 per week.

Ulises Contreras was contacted in the residence in the room that contained approximately 7 grams of methamphetamine and the marijuana. Ulises stated he used to sell drugs for Rosa Arellano, but had purchased the drugs he now possessed for $200.00.

4. On and/or prior to May 17, 2007, the defendant currency was a thing of value furnished or intended to be furnished in exchange for a controlled substance or listed chemical in violation of Title 21 of the United States Code, Section 881.

5. Alternatively, on and/or prior to May 17, 2007 the defendant currency represented the proceeds of or proceeds traceable to an exchange for a controlled substance or listed chemical in violation of Title 21 of the United States Code, Section 881.

6. Because of the aforementioned acts or uses alleged herein, either singly or in combination, the defendant currency is subject to forfeiture pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 881(a)(6).

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7. The defendant currency is presently stored within the jurisdiction of this Court.

WHEREFORE, the United States prays that due process issue to enforce the forfeiture of the defendant, and that due notice be given to all interested parties to appear and show cause why said forfeiture should not be declared.

DATED: October 17, 2007

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VERIFICATION

I, Nancy Zuniga-Ryan, hereby state and declare as follows:

1. I am a Special Agent with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration

2. I have read the foregoing complaint and know its contents.

3. The information in the complaint was furnished by official Government sources. Based on this information, I believe the allegations in the complaint to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed on 10/17/07.

Nancy Zuniga-Ryan

NANCY ZUNIGA-RYAN,
Task force Officer
Drug Enforcement Administration

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I (a) PLAINTIFFS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEFENDANTS

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$10,594.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

(b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES) San Diego

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II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (PLACE AN x IN ONE BOX ONLY)

- [X] 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
- [ ] 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
- [ ] 2 U.S. Government
- [ ] 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (PLACE AN X IN ONE BOX (For Diversity Cases Only) FOR PLAINTIFF AND ONE BOX FOR DEFENDANT

	PT	DEF		PT	DEF
Citizen of This State	☐1	☐1	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in This	☐4	☐4
Citizen of Another State	☐2	☐2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another	☐5	☐5
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	☐3	☐3	Foreign Nation	☐6	☐6

IV. CAUSE OF ACTION (CITE THE US CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE. DO NOT CITE JURISDICTIONAL STATUTES UNLESS DIVERSITY).

TITLE 21, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 881(a)(6)

V. NATURE OF SUIT (PLACE AN X IN ONE BOX ONLY)

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- [ ] 150 Recovery of &Enforcement of Judgment
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- [ ] Other Contract
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- [ ] 220 Foreclosure
- [ ] 230 Rent Lease &
- [ ] 240 Tort to Land
- [ ] 245 Tort Product
- [ ] 290 All Other Real

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FORFEITURE/PENALTY
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- [X] 625 Drug Related of Property 21 USC881
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- [ ] 660 Occupational
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LABOR
- [ ] 710Fair Labor Standards
- [ ] 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations
- [ ] 730 Labor/Mgmt. Disclosure Act
- [ ] 740 Railway Labor Act
- [ ] 790 Other Labor
- [ ] 791 Empl. Ret. Inc.
- [ ] Security Act

BANKRUPTCY
- [ ] 422 Appeal 28 USC 158
- [ ] 423 Withdrawal 28 USC

PROPERTY RIGHTS
- [ ] 820 Copyrights
- [ ] 830 Patent
- [ ] 840 Trademark

SOCIAL SECURITY
- [ ] 861 HIA (13958)
- [ ] 862 Black Lung (923)
- [ ] 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g))
- [ ] 864 SSID Title XVI
- [ ] 865 RSI (405(g))

FEDERAL TAX SUITS
- [ ] 870 Taxes (U.S. or Defendant)
- [ ] 871 IRS - Third Party 26 USC 7609

OTHER STATUTES
- [ ] 400 State Reappointment
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VI. ORIGIN (PLACE AN X IN ONE BOX ONLY)

- [X] 1 Original Proceeding
- [ ] 2 Removal from State Court
- [ ] 3 Remanded from Appelate Court
- [ ] 4 Reinstated or Reopened
- [ ] 5 Transferred from another district (specify)
- [ ] 6 Multidistrict Litigation
- [ ] 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: ☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER f.r.c.p. 23 DEMAND $

Check YES only if demanded in complaint:
JURY DEMAND: ☒ YES ☐ NO

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY (See JUDGE Docket Number

DATE 10/17/07

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

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